

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Protection of Indigenous Cow Breeds
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- (a) the details of funds allocated and released by the Government for protection and promotion of indigenous cow breeds under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether any research schemes are being implemented through agricultural universities of the country for protection, promotion and breed improvement of cow breeds; and
- (c) the number of indigenous cow breeds on which research is being undertaken?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) The details of funds released by the Government for protection and promotion of indigenous cow breeds under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise is given at Annexure-I.

(b) Research work has been undertaken on three indigenous breeds viz; Sahiwal, Gir and Kankrej under All India Coordinated Research Project on Indigenous Cattle by Central Institute for Research on Cattle, Meerut. Germplasm Unit for Sahiwal is situated at NDRI, Karnal; for Gir at Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh and for Kankrej at Sardar Krushinagar Agricultural University, Dantiwada.

Under Network Project on Animal Genetic resources conservation programme on Bargur cattle of Tamilnadu and Ongole cattle of Andhra Pradesh is being implemented in field through respective State Agricultural Universities by ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal.

Ongole Frozen semen available with the Lam Farm of Sri Venkateshwara Veterinary University, Tirupati is being utilized in field for improvement and conservation of Ongole breed of cattle by ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal.

Bulls of Bargur cattle breed are being raised at Tamil Nadu University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Chennai Farm and semen from these selected bulls is being processed for freezing. The frozen semen of Bargur bulls shall be utilized for conservation and improvement of Bargur cattle in the field by ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal.

(c) Research work is being undertaken on three indigenous breeds (Sahiwal, Gir and Kankrej) by ICAR-CIRC, Meerut. Besides, ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal is undertaking research on characterization of Ladakhi cattle, Indigenous cattle of Meghalaya, Nagaland and Sikkim States and Konkan cattle of Maharashtra.